

**PUBLIC ACTS, 1999**

**CHAPTER NO. 349**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1082**

**By Womack, McNally, Crowe**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1344

By Davidson, Caldwell

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504 and Section 49-7-120.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-120, is amended by deleting from subsection (c) the following sentence:

"Before such records become confidential pursuant to this section, the Attorney General and Reporter must affirmatively agree with the designation made by either such official."

and by substituting instead the following new language:

Within thirty (30) days of such finding and determination, a copy of the contract for the sponsored research shall be submitted to the Attorney General and Reporter. The Attorney General and Reporter shall have a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date of such finding and designation in which to review such contract for compliance with the provisions of this section and to affirmatively agree with the designation made by either such official. Pending such determination by the Attorney General and Reporter, such records shall be confidential pursuant to this section. However, upon the filing of such contract with the attorney general, the public record shall include the title and description of the sponsored research project, the cost of such research project, the public institution of higher education and the name of the agency or company sponsoring such research, and the name of the primary person who is to perform such research. The provisions of subsection (e) shall be applicable to such sponsored research project.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

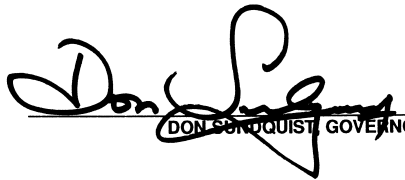
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PASSED: May 28, 1999

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of June 1999

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR